

Executive Problems Internal

William Bradley, president of the Students' General Association for the academic year 1982-83 has completed his term amid much controversy.

Bradley, who first encountered opposition to his unorthodox methods of running the SGA early in the year from Linda Leon, SGA treasurer, had repeatedly been given the mandate to organize his office and keep correct files. Bradley however failed to do so, though the matter was never brought to council again. Reports of papers piled high both behind and on the president's desk became a standing joke within the ranks of SGA councillors.

Leon, in her report to council, complained of lack of consultation on the part of the president with herself. One of



the highlights of this report was the signing of a contract with the reggae band "One

Love", at a cost to the SGA of over \$2,700. This dance took place during Frosh Week, in addition to the "Frosh Fest" that featured more than four name bands.

Council reacted to the report by requiring the SGA executive to have weekly meetings. This did not occur, and according to Joan Buchanan (vice president external), and David McCullough (vice president social and cultural), there have been no more than three full executive meetings since the report went to council.

Since that time though,

there have been other irregularities within the SGA. In November the SGA entered into a contract a "world class mime artist". Bradley, who had signed the contract, later cancelled the performance, citing poor publicity as the major reason. Bradley and Leon had been delegated the responsibility of seeing that the event was adequately publicized. The cancellation resulted in an out of court settlement of \$1,440, paid by the SGA for a show that never happened.

Further questions arose in December when a band called

the "Dub Rifles" performed at the Pub. The profits from a cover charge were found to be missing from the safe in the Treasurer's office of the SGA. Regional police were called in, but nothing was resolved. The money was later found in Bradley's Married Students apartment.

Most recently, Bradley has been involved in the controversy surrounding the running of the recent SGA general elections. Instrumental in the appointment of Tom Wall as Chief Returning Officer, Bradley was reticent to post the job. When it was finally posted a few days before the closing of nominations, three applications were received. Of these, one was later withdrawn. Leon and Bradley made an executive decision, choosing Wall over the other candidate "because he was more experienced." This decision was, according to the minutes of SGA council meetings, never ratified.

Questions have also recently arisen as to where the president, who receives a rent subsidy of \$104 per month, has been living, as there are reports of Bradley sleeping in the SGA storage room beneath Married Students.

Bradley's perhaps most questionable decision this year involved the appointing of the Board of Governors for the Corporation of the Students' General Association. Bradley did not follow the procedures outlined in the bylaws of the corporation, and did not call an Annual General Meeting to ratify the Board that he had selected. There have also been no official board meetings, despite the fact that Bradley, as president, has the power and responsibility to call such meetings.

said that \$6,000 of that money would be presented in four scholarships to SGA members next year, as would happen for as long as the additional \$20 was being collected. The remainder of the \$44,000 is slated for the construction of a campus centre, whose fate remains undetermined in light of plans for the restructuring of the university system in northern Ontario. The money meanwhile is incorporated into the university's yearly revenues. When asked whether she found the prospect of Laurentian using the money to cover its yearly deficit, Leon replied, "I never really thought about it."

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Where does the money go?

Students' Association

"It's been an expensive year," Linda Leon, treasurer of the Students' General Association agreed when asked about the 1982-83 SGA financial situation.

With total revenues approaching \$120,000, the SGA will be working with a summer surplus that should be around \$32,000. Leon estimated the current balance of SGA funds to be around \$18,000, according to last month's bank statement, but expects this month's statement to be closer to the actual surplus figure.

Student contributions account for approximately 67% of the SGA's total revenues, with the balance coming from the sales of Grey Coach tickets to students, the pool table in the Pub, and a nearly \$20,000 surplus from last year.

Approximately half of the \$80,000 the SGA receives from the student levy is spent on salaries (23%), a subsidy to the student newspaper (15%), and a specific allocation of 12% that is collected for membership in the Ontario Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students, listed in the Laurentian Calendar as under the now defunct National Union of Students.

The administrative salaries are, for president, \$8948 a year, which includes a monthly rent subsidy of \$104, for the vice presidents, honoraria of \$50 a month, for the treasurer a salary of \$100 a month, and for the secretary, an hourly wage of \$4. The executive salaries have been nearly all raised for next year.

The SGA also pays for the running of the games room, though under a separate line item. Originally negotiated by Bill Bradley, SGA president, at a weekly salary of \$86, the head of the Games Room is currently paid \$35 a week. Students working in the games room make \$3.50 an hour, minimum wage. This wage was also rolled back, from \$28 for a six hour shift to its current \$21. The games room has cost the SGA close to \$7,000 in wages according to a contract that supposedly kept it open six hours a day, seven days a week from September to April.

The next major expense for the SGA falls under administrative costs. Leon includes in this area all events not specifically related to either Frosh Week, Spring Convocation, or Winter Carnival, that ran deficits. Among these expenses are dances that lost

money, and the cancellation of a performance by Yass Hakoshima, a mime artist, a loss originally reported by Leon as \$500, but that has changed to over \$1,400.



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A further \$3,500 went to subsidies for the different students groups. Leon cited the International Students' Organization, the Library, the SPAD Hockey Tournament, the Economics Association,

the Physics Club, and the Huntington Students' council (which also has its own direct student levy) as recipients of these grants.

Winter Carnival, Spring Convocation, and Frosh Week all ran deficits. All SGA dances this year also ran deficits, but Leon found the frosh week reggae dance to have been the most expensive, requiring a subsidy of around \$1,700.

Publication of the student directory, a SGA member phone and address book that traditionally comes out in November, cost approximately \$4,100.

Leon, when asked about an SGA budget, said that an \$80,000 one had been presented to council in January that "seemed to be accurate," and that the projected expenses in it were "close to actual." Revenue other than student fees was not included as Leon found it "such a small amount." The SGA operates with over \$120,000 a year.

An additional levy of \$20 per student was collected last year by the administration on behalf of the SGA for the Laurentian Fund. Leon did not have the details of the contract that the SGA had signed with the administration, but

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Remember the dance at the Great Hall, Friday, April 8th

Crisis week begins

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Editorial

requiem or recovery

by Carolyn Gaunt

A lot of people will be wondering what the importance of responsible government is, especially when it comes to something like the Students' General Association, and student government.

One of the best reasons for it is \$100,000 of student money that is collected by the administration of Laurentian University each year on behalf of the SGA.

The reality of where this money comes from is easily overlooked, but each member of the SGA puts in \$32.50, plus another \$20 for the Laurentian Fund, each year. That means you are paying the salaries of the SGA executive and employees.

Responsible government is what you get in exchange for this money. Responsible government means councillors who attend meetings; it means an honest and approachable executive that has the best interests of the student body at heart; it means careful and thorough consideration of expenditures; it means making commitments on behalf of the student body (yourselves) that are both ideological and financial; it means being accountable for any decisions taken; it means spending time and energy on things that you don't necessarily have time for, and that don't necessarily interest you personally; and it means being able to justify what you have done to the students, your employers, under what may be strong criticism, and being right in your choice of actions.

Responsible government does not mean name calling; it does not involve finding a

scapegoat when things go wrong; it does not justify comparing what you do with what has been done in previous years, or with what may be done in the future.

Why is it important? Why does the SGA have to be accountable for its actions? Why should the SGA have to be trustworthy? or capable of rational and good conduct? Why does the SGA have to be liable for its actions?

Because they represent the students of Laurentian University. The SGA represents those of you in Commerce, and illustrates your credibility and honesty. The SGA represents those of you studying Liberal

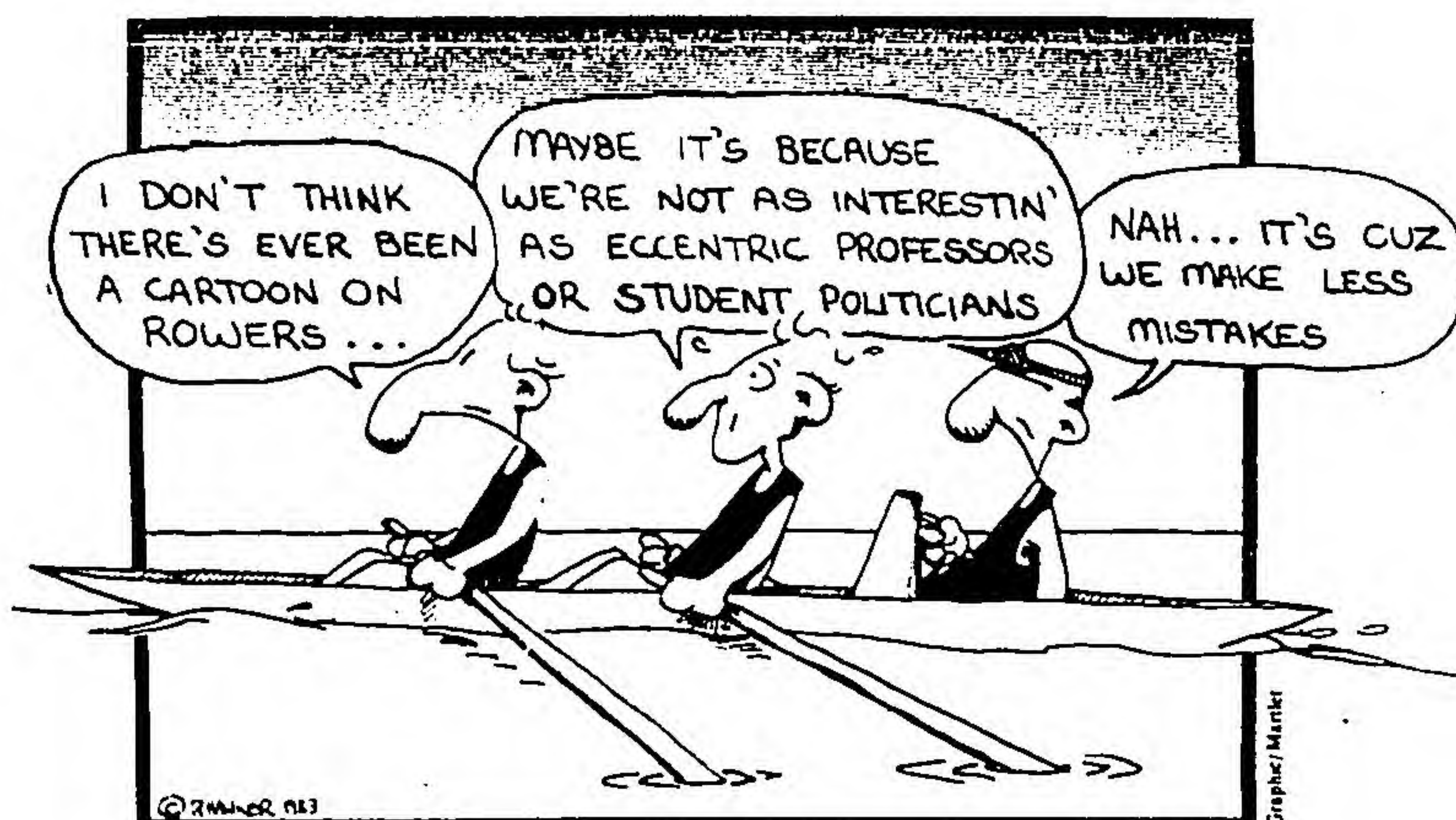
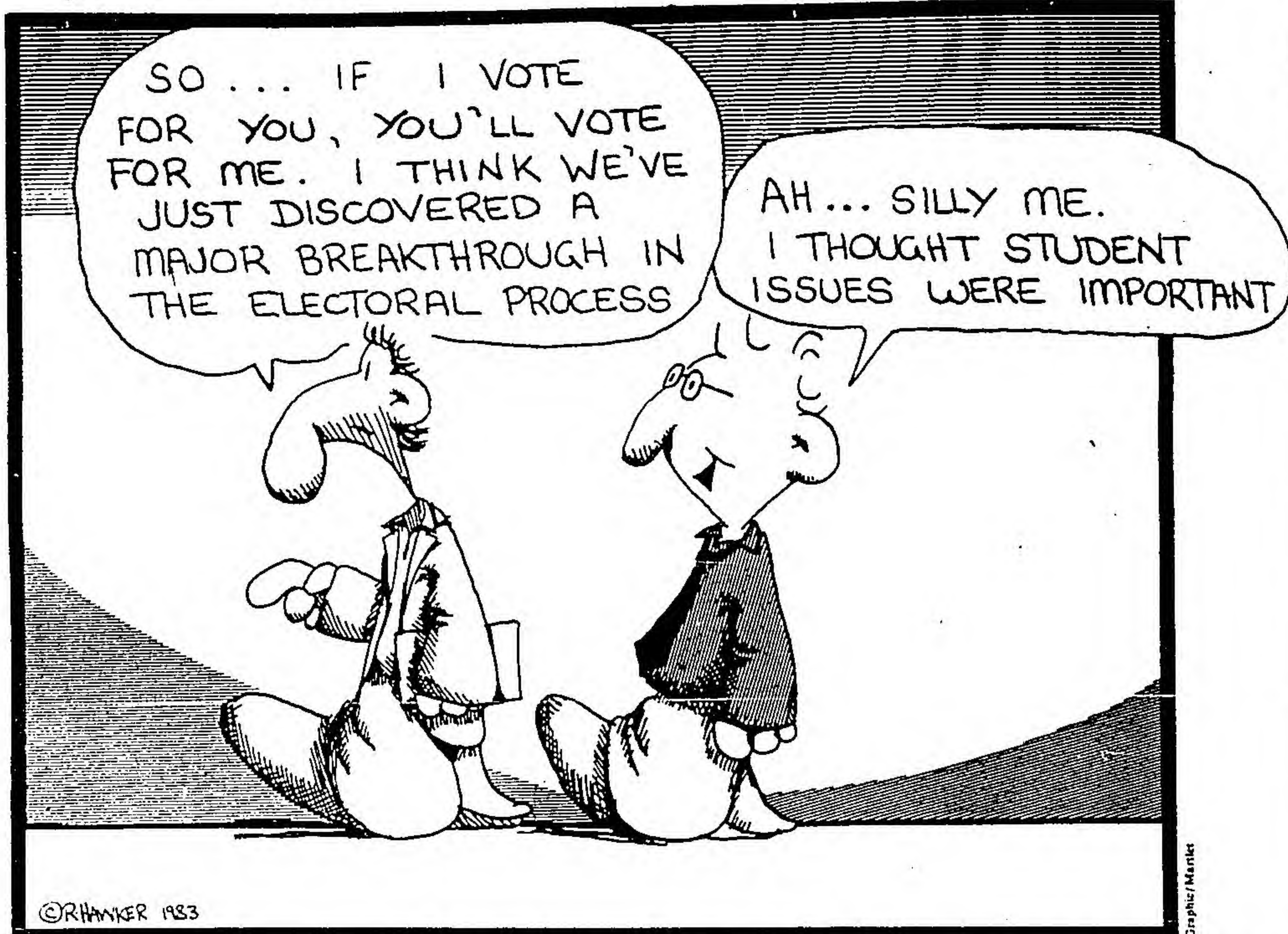
Arts, and illustrates your ability for clear and rational, responsible decision making. The SGA represents the professional school students and illustrates just how professional the students of Laurentian are. The SGA represents the students at Laurentian studying sciences, and shows how important logic and investigation are to them. In short, the SGA represents us... the students who pay for its existence, and the way the SGA conducts itself is representative of ourselves.

Over the past year, many people have asked why they should bother with the SGA; they couldn't see any relation between it and themselves. If

the students of Laurentian, who own the SGA, are asking what the Students' General Association has to do with them, obviously there is something very wrong with the organization.

Three years have gone by with the SGA deteriorating further and further. This year, give an ultimatum — either the SGA becomes responsible, and starts to represent the students, or next year, do not support it. Over 2,000 students pay more than \$50 a year right now, and maybe half a dozen people benefit.

It is up to you now. Change it!



CRO Makes Point

Dear Editor:

As Chief Returning Officer for this year's election, I disagree with many of the accusations brought forth in the articles of this issue.

Those issues have been dealt with by council, and my duties as CRO were fulfilled much to their satisfaction.

The interests of the SGA would be best served by constructive suggestions rather than idle threats and criticism. I strongly suggest that those involved in next year's election consult my CRO's report for further details suggestions, and explanations of the situation in question.

Sincerely
T. Wall

Don't give damn

What are we fighting for?

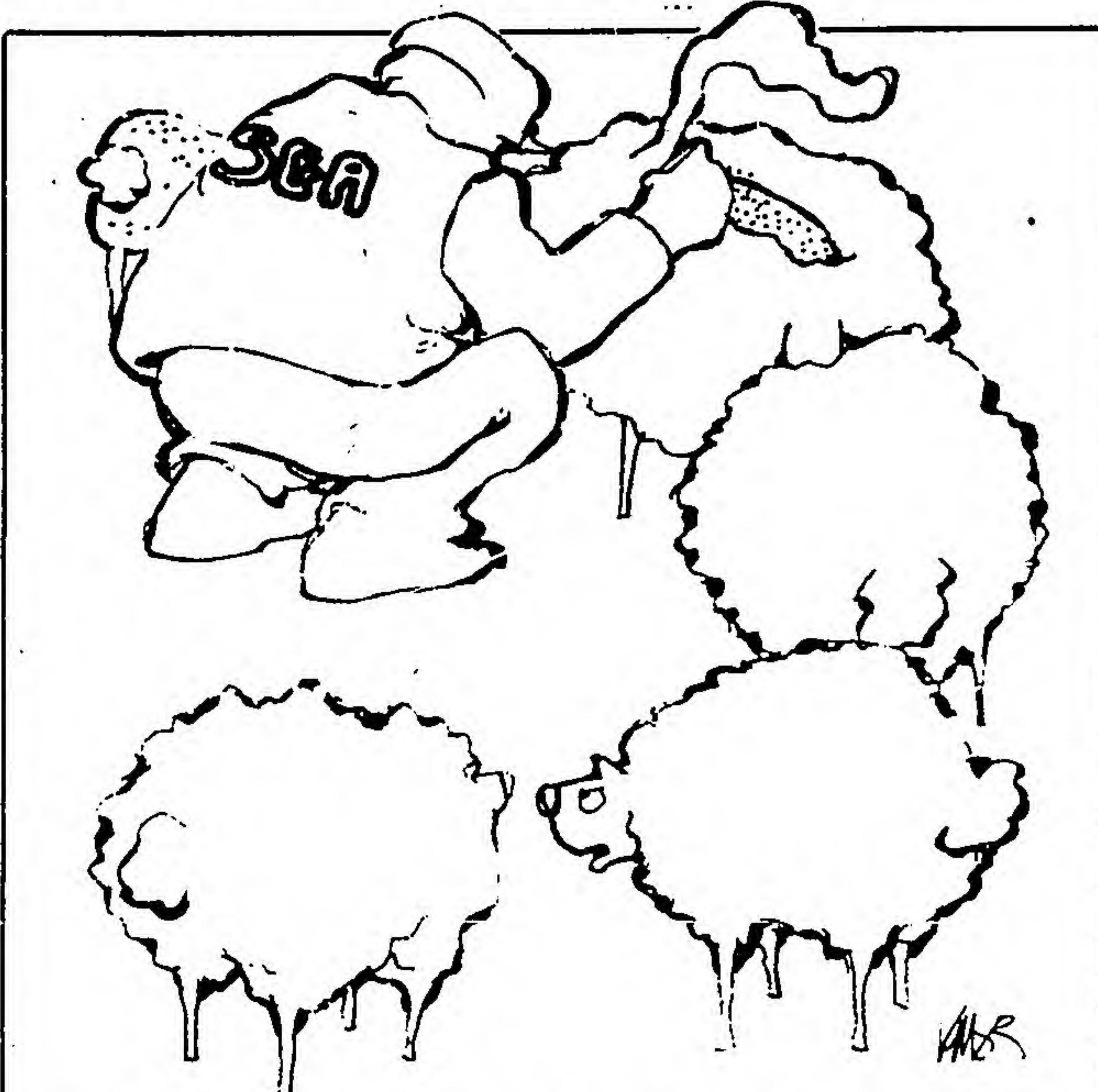
We got involved because we felt it mattered. When we began finding out what had been going on, we could have laughed and bemoaned the attitudes of students. We could have spread the stories to our respective communities. But we chose to get involved and try to do something, to make people realize what was going on.

And so we went through a lot of discussion, question and explanation. It was hard. We were called "outside agitators" and meddlers". Our motives were regularly questioned. And some times friends of ours who were directly involved got upset. Because we thought it mattered.

We don't like waste. We don't like bullshit. And we weren't going to simply let it go by. Not when we were in a position to do something about the situation.

We were fortunate. Through our ties from our past "Laurentian Experience" and our dealings with this year's SGA we were in a position to know most of the people involved. And we thought that something should be done. So we went about, doing what we could.

And so it goes onto the pages of *Lambda* for the first time in years. And so we talk to the press. And so we influence the course of events.



"Every year he says he needs the wool 'for the sake of the farm' but the only change I've noticed is that every time I see him he has a new sweater on..."

Whatever happens you will have access to the facts. And that is what we have done.

You will be able to learn the whole story. You will know how things are done in the SGA. And then it's your responsibility. It's up to you to decide what you want.

Each and every member of the SGA has the right and the power to influence the organization. If you want to give your money to the Association, you can. If you don't, and you want to organize against it, then you should. Because it is an organization that represents you. It is you.

When Bill Bradley and Ken McNeil speak for you, they put their words in your mouth. When CFS-O speaks for you, they put their words in your mouth. Sometime you should listen to their words and hear what they're saying for you.

In the election, people have been talking about rules. How these rules were broken. How the rules were changed. How the rules were manipulated. How the rules were inadequate.

People make rules and people follow rules. As long as those two elements exist, then you will have rulers and ruled. But if nobody followed the rules, the rulemakers would cease to exist. And that is your power.

Maybe you don't follow the rules, but you do play by them. The SGA takes over fifty dollars from you every year. And they claim to do it in your interest. And they spent it in the way they see fit. And how many of you have an idea of how they spend some of it.

So now it's time to end the game. Either you will allow things to go on, or you will make changes. Changes that you and your fellow students want. It is your choice. It is your responsibility. It is your power. Take it.

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT THE CANADA STUDENT LOANS PROGRAM

The Government of Canada is proposing changes in the Canada Student Loans (CSL) Act to help provide post-secondary students with financial assistance to pursue their education.

What

We propose to offer:

- **Guaranteed loans to needy part-time students** to help cover the cost of tuition fees, learning materials, transportation and related expenses.
- **An interest relief plan for unemployed graduates** to provide for the payment of interest charges due on student loans. Both full and part-time students would be eligible for assistance.
- **Increased weekly student loan limits** to \$100 from the current level of \$56.25.

When

Our objective: the coming academic year.

We intend to introduce legislation in Parliament shortly to make these changes to the CSL Act.

The implementation of the proposed changes will require the co-operation of participating provinces and lending institutions.

Where can you get more information?

For more information on these proposals, write to:

Office of the Secretary of State
Ottawa,
K1A 0M5



The Secretary of State
of Canada

The Honourable Serge Joyal

Le Secrétaire d'État
du Canada

L'honorable Serge Joyal

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NEWS FEATURE

What's Ha

This story begins Friday, March 25. The SGA elections were over and we were looking forward to the victory party Joan Buchanan was expecting to have. The evening was not what we expected.

Both of us are graduates of political science and both of us had been involved in student politics. We had carried this into our current activities and work. I had been dealing with the SGA all year and had also been advising Joan in her campaign. We were peripherally involved.

On our way to the University we stopped in to visit the Soup Kitchen the SGA had set up downtown. By the time we got there they had already begun packing it up for the day. They were quite pleased with themselves.

It was then that I talked with Mike Erskine, the new Vice President External, and he told us that Joan had lost. We were quite surprised at the results and our curiosity was definitely piqued. There was no end to our speculation as we headed to the University.

We went to Joan's apartment only to discover that she wasn't there. I thought we should check Pat Tobin's apartment and that's where we found Joan. Pat, besides being a friend, is the Recording Secretary at SGA Council meetings.

When we arrived the mood was anything but festive. We didn't know how long we would stay seeing as how it didn't look like it was going to be a lot of fun.

We began by offering our condolences and made off-hand comments about "the state of students today", wagging our fingers as we went on. Inevitably, we began discussing the election results. And from that came the questions.

We found out that less than 600 students had voted. This was about 29% of eligible SGA members. Ken McNeil finished first with 270 votes. Joan received 193 while Carolyn Gaunt got 127. Nobody knew the number of spoiled ballots (although later it was discovered that about ten people spoiled their votes).

As we discussed the election we began to hear some of the stories about how the election had run.

We learned that the ballot boxes had not been locked for the first few hours of the election. Some people hadn't had their name stroked off the voters' list. Others didn't have their students' cards punched properly.

Nobody was sure how many ballots were printed in the second run Thursday. The ballot boxes had been stored in the SGA treasurer's office with the ballots left in them each night. Blank ballots were left in the office, openly accessible. Past practise had been to remove the ballots

from the boxes when each poll closed and place them in separate sealed envelopes. These envelopes would then be locked in the safe and not opened until counting.

We learned that the emptying of the ballot boxes had occurred before Joan's scrutineer had arrived. The ballots were dumped on the floor and separated into piles for each of the candidates. We couldn't believe it.

Joan told us stories of har-

were dumped. She thought that 600 ballots had been printed in the first run. Joan thought that 700 had been printed. And neither did she know how many ballots had been printed in the second run.

However Carolyn too was nervous about questioning the election because of how it might effect her chances in a second election.

Mike had come back to the University after cleaning up

anyone was going to do anything about them. He said that he felt the two candidates with signs left up should be disqualified and mentioned the precedent of the 1979 SGA elections when the leading candidate was disqualified because of his signs. However, it did not look like he felt the Board had the power or the responsibility to intervene and it didn't look to us that the Board was likely to do anything.

what we had heard that night. We thought a phone call to Henry Best the next day might help.

On the morning of March 26 we called Henry and outlined some of the stories of the election irregularities. We said that as alumni we were quite concerned about the repercussions to the University if this story should be picked up by the media.

Our lawyer friend had also suggested that students should be the ones complaining about the situation. We called our student contacts and suggested they talk to their friends and encourage them to call Henry. We recommended that they should gather statements detailing the ele-

When I walked into the office, they were in the 'Fish Bowl', all boxes had been opened before I entered, there was no tally of voted from different polls, and all votes were in one pile on the floor.

— M. McIntosh —

Scrutineer for a candidate for SGA presidency

assament from the CRO, Tom Wall. Wednesday morning she was told there "may be grounds for disqualification" because one of her signs had been found up in the Huntington residence (where both Tom and Ken live). A distraught Joan called me to say she was going to call a lawyer to see if anything could be done.

Later, one of Ken's signs was found up and Tom called a meeting with the three candidates. He informed them that having signs left up would not be grounds for disqualification. However he did mention something about a ten vote per sign penalty.

We thought that it was interesting that the only residence poll had been set up at Huntington. Again, in previous years all residences had polls in them. And again we were amazed at how things went on.

We asked Joan if she had talked to Carolyn about these irregularities and whether she intended to challenge the election. Joan had not talked with Carolyn. As well, Joan was nervous about challenging the results.

Her reasons for this were quite simple. She felt that if she challenged the results and there was another election, students would see her as having a bad case of "sour grapes", and would vote against her. She felt that her displeasure with the results would be seen as the rationale for the new election rather than the procedures by which the election had been carried out. She wondered if there was any "independent" group that could call the results and procedures into question.

Right about then, Carolyn called Pat to see if she could come down and pick up a pan of hers that Pat had. And so Carolyn came down to pick up a pan and proceeded to stay for most of the evening.

We began by asking Carolyn what she thought about the election. She told us more stories that corroborated many of Joan's accounts. Her scrutineer had not been at the counting when ballot boxes

the Soup Kitchen and he was soon party to the many stories that had been told that evening. And it was still early.

Then we began wondering who could possibly look into the election and how it was run. We didn't think that the executive was likely to do anything. After all, they had been overseeing this election. We couldn't see the SGA Council taking any initiative. We had been hearing tales all evening about how the SGA and its Council had operated this year. And then we thought of the Board of Directors of the SGA.

I first heard of the Board from one of its members, Bill Lee. He had told me that SGA President Bill Bradley had asked him and several other people I knew to go on the Board. I hadn't realized that the SGA was incorporated.

We wondered if the Board had the power to get involved. People went and tracked down the articles and bylaws of the corporation and soon we were going over these items quite intently. We felt that the Board certainly had the power to intervene if it wanted.

We called up Tony Ingram, another friend of ours who was on the SGA Board. He soon came over and began hearing our stories. He even added a few of his own.

"How do we know these things? Those irregularities are too large to overlook. This cloud will sit over next year's council all year long."

— Dave McCullough —

To SGA General Meeting, March 29, about presidential election

While looking at the incorporation papers, we had realized that the Board had not been chosen according to the procedures outlined. We had also discovered that an audit was necessary every year. Tony told us that there had never been a meeting of the Board since he had been put on it. He had never seen a copy of the articles and bylaws that governed his position until that night.

Tony was amazed at the irregularities and wondered if

how it was operating. After all, it had a budget of well over \$100,000. Most of them were student dollars.

We talked about going to the press with the story. However, we both felt that this situation might be better handled internally. You know "working with the system". Because otherwise "the system", being the SGA, might be dissolved.

We wondered how we could apply pressure internally, particularly in terms of

ction irregularities.

Saturday night we also suggested that the people affected by the election should try to meet with the SGA Executive and try to work things out before the SGA's regular council meeting, Tuesday, March 29th.

We also believed that students should be informed of the goings on inside their organization. To this end we made arrangements to meet with the new editor of Lambda, Steve Glass, on Sunday night.

ELECT Disorgani

The 1983 SGA Elections have been charged with having numerous irregularities. While some people have termed these "minor", others have found them to be "major". Everyone has agreed that the irregularities should not be allowed to happen again. Following is a brief synopsis of the irregularities.

LOCKS
Locks were not put on the ballot boxes until noon on Wednesday, March 23rd, the first day of the election.

BALLOTS
Ballots and envelopes were stored in the office of the SGA Treasurer, which was not accessible to the public.

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elections the ballot boxes are locked at night. The poll area is in the center of the building. The stories are in the building.

happening —

We also arranged for a student to call Henry and express her concern about the situation. As far as we know, she was the only student who actually called him.

We had also ascertained that the SGA was an incorporated body and that it had been since 1979. The Board of Directors did have the power to act, if it chose to. Carolyn had a copy of the official Articles and Bylaws which had been signed and registered.

Sunday evening we met with Steve and explained to him what we had learned over the weekend. We asked him

what he felt should be done. We also told him what we felt and how we hoped that there would be at least one article in

ing. We also decided that we should be prepared to go to the press if need be.

Monday morning I con-

swer.

The next morning we met to discuss the latest developments. As we talked we both came to the conclusion that the press would have to be informed, if the students were to be informed. Lambda had not run an article on the election irregularities and it seemed that the issue would never get dealt with. We made arrangements to meet with Carol Trick of the Sudbury Star that afternoon. Pat Tobin agreed to accompany us.

Just prior to the meeting with Carol we learned that Ken would not sign the letter and that Joan and Carolyn were going to question the procedures of the election. We agreed to inform other members of the media including the local television stations and Glen Sirois, the editor of Northern Life. We told them much of what we knew, our roles in it, and the fact that there was going to be fireworks at the meeting tonight.

The SGA meeting of Tuesday, March 29th was certainly the most lively of the year. Eighteen council members attended, no doubt a high for the year. In fact the question was raised about how many council members were actually eligible to vote. According to the SGA Constitution "any Council member missing more than three consecutive meetings of Council without notifying the Secretary previous to the meeting of the reason for his absence, or any Council member who misses more than five meetings whether or not he has given reasons for his absence, shall be removed from council."

They decided at an in camera session of the meeting to allow themselves to vote, and then proceeded to accept the election of Ken McNeil. The vote result was ten in favour with eight against. They also moved to have an audit completed by September of this year. And so the situation was to end. It didn't.

On the evening television news of Wednesday, March 30th, there was a report on the Tuesday night SGA council meeting. Ken was quoted saying that the complaints had arisen because of "sour grapes". Today you are reading about it in Lambda. The election results have not been "quashed". People are learning what has been going on with the SGA. Perhaps more people than necessary, but there was opportunity to settle it internally. The opportunity was just never taken up. At least not by the people with the authority and power to deal with it. So it goes.

PS: When this first began I offered to help write this story for Lambda. On Wednesday, March 30, they took me up on my offer. It is my sincere hope that this has been of some use to you.

"It seems there were irregularities as there are in every election. Irregularities by the candidates and in the election itself."

— Bill Bradley —

To SGA Council Meeting, March 29, regarding SGA general elections

the upcoming Lambda about the elections and how they had been run.

Steve had come over with Bryan Evans, another old friend of ours, who is a student and who had been involved in the SGA. He told us more stories about the Council. Both Steve and Bryan agreed to get together with some of the other people involved, to co-ordinate a strategy.

tacted Bill and we agreed to meet before the meeting of the executive. We met and discussed the problems and the options available. We emphasized that we thought that this situation should be cleaned up as quickly and cleanly as possible.

Later in the day, I received a call informing me that the SGA executive was not going to question the election and the way it was carried out. They had decided to accept the results despite the irregularities. We decided to go up to the University and find out what happened.

Steve and Carolyn, as well as the old and new executives had met to discuss the issue with Tom Wall. Tom had defended the way he ran the elections and didn't want another election.

I went down to the SGA office where most of the people involved were still talking and told them what I thought the situation was and what the implications were for the SGA. My style of presentation was not good, to say the least, but that was because I was fed up with people pretending problems didn't exist. I also told them that, if necessary, the media would be informed. It was the first time I met Tom and Ken.

Following that little episode, I went upstairs and met with Carolyn and Joan to discuss the possible courses of action. Steve later arrived, as did several other students. Jeff McRae, a member of the council, offered to arrange a meeting with Ken to discuss the current situation.

Ken came over with a friend of his and the discussion continued. Then Carolyn suggested that a letter be drawn up acknowledging the irregularities in the elections, as well as stating that the SGA would be cleaned up and operated according to its incorporation papers. This included having an audit of the SGA books and correctly electing the Board of Directors. It was suggested that this letter, which was quite vague in its wording, could either be presented to Council the next day or kept on file in Lambda. It was hoped that the letter would act as a guarantee that the SGA would be straightened out and run properly.

Ken said that he would need time to think over the suggestion and he agreed to meet the next day before the council meeting with his an-

After the meeting with Steve and Bryan we were informed that there would be a meeting of the executive and executive-elect on Monday, March 28 to discuss the elections. We felt that this was a positive development. We also thought it would be a good idea to try to meet with Bill Bradley before the meet-

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were actually printed. Some people were told 600. Others were told 700.

As well, a second run of ballots was printed the morning of March 24th on green paper. No one has yet been told how many ballots were actually printed.

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ballot boxes the Treasurer's SGA. Both the ballot boxes (with still in them) were to people entering

procedure in past has been to remove the ballots from each. The ballots were then taken and placed in sealed envelopes. The sealed envelopes are then stored in the safe until count-

This method allows for the ballot boxes from each poll to be empty at the start of each day's balloting. As well, this method is useful to analyse the results following the election.

VOTING LIST

Many students who voted did not have their names stroked off the voters' list. This removed the cross referencing between the number of ballots cast and the number of students who voted.

STUDENT CARDS

Again, many students did not have their student's cards punched properly. This is a control used to prevent people from voting more than once.

NUMBER OF BALLOTS

There are discrepancies in the number of ballots that

"... I honestly believe that what we have here is a classic example of poor sportsmanship resulting from candidates whose appetites for power are so large that they lost track of reality. This is clearly demonstrated by the sheer number of unsubstantiated claims and invalid complaints lodged by the contestants."

—Tom Wall—
CRO's report to council on March 29, 1983

BALLOT COUNTING

Ballot counting began before the scrutineers of Joan Buchanan and Carolyn Gaunt arrived in the SGA office, where the counting was taking place. The scrutineers had been told to appear at 3:15 pm for the counting. The ballot boxes had been emptied and ballots were being sorted at 3:05pm.

DISQUALIFICATION

On Wednesday morning,

Wall, in his CRO report, states that Buchanan was never told that she was disqualified, only that "We may have grounds for disqualification." Buchanan contacted a lawyer when informed of the disqualification. As well, a Buchanan supporter going to vote at the Phys Ed poll Wednesday was told that Buchanan had been disqualified.

In the 1979 SGA elections the leading candidate was disqualified for having signs left up on election day.

According to the SGA Council minutes the Chief Returning Officer was never approved by council as is customary.

STATEMENTS
Lambda has signed statements from a number of students documenting all of these irregularities.

Playoff in Powder Puff Hockey

by Brenda Olson

Playoffs began with Golden Blades defeating Poisonettes 4-2. Nicky Gravelle had 3 points, 2 goals and one assist for the winners. Nicky Sabourin and Nicky Lafontaine got one goal apiece. Joy Bellinger replied twice for the Poisonettes.

The second game on Sunday saw Fallen Angels edge past Ulcerettes 1-0. Brenda Olson scored the lone goal while Anita registered the shutout.

The final game saw Ice People skate past Playgirls 6-1. Patti Peebles had 3 points for the winners with two goals and one assist. Other goals were scored by Miriam Taylor(2), Elizabeth Donaldson(1), and Jackie Bellany(1). Wilma Stephens scored the lone goal for Playgirls.

Playoff action resumed Monday night with Thorneloe over Killer B's in an exciting overtime game. After the game ended the score stood at 1-1. Penalty shots were taken to find a winner. Congratulations to both teams on a fine game.

The last game of the night saw the two teams from Huntington battle it out for a spot in the semi-finals. The game ended with Huntington No-Names as the winners. No-Names goals scored by Sue Carbone, Terry Meyers, Laurie AnnWelsh, and Laurie Masters. NeNe's goal was scored by Jennifer Arthur.

Wednesday March 30

The first game proved to be an exciting match as Stroketties tied Mismatches at the end of the third period. However, after the penalty shots, Mismatches came out as the victors. Congratulations to the two teams for providing some fine hockey.

In the second game Golden Blades blanked Fallen Angels 4-0. Marian had two goals, while Nikky Lafontaine and Nicky Raiche had one apiece for the winners.

The third game of the night saw Ice People over Huntington No Names. Mary Lou Hansen had two goals while Elizabeth Donaldson and Patty Peebles replied with one apiece. Fran Proulx registered the shutout.

GROUP TITLES DECIDED

Curling Moves Into Finals

The LU curling league heads into its final week with two of the three group titles to be decided.

Last week the Jim Pubblestone rink squeaked by the Rob Campbell foursome 7-6 to wrap up the A-Group title. In both B and C groups, the leaders will go head to head to determine the overall B and C champions.

In group B, Mike Pelich and his team are currently 6-0

but a loss this week to Thorel Beckett and her team at 5-1 would give Beckett the title.

In C group, the top two teams have turned out to be the Perry Turcotte quartet and the Mike Kampu foursome. Perry's rink is 5-1 while Mike's is 4 wins and 2 ties. The outcome of the game this week will decide the C group champions. Good luck to all teams.

McRae Walks Off With Hardware

Last week's year-end banquet was a massive success. Jeff McRae walked off with the prestigious "paddle" award representative of contribution to life at Huntington. Awards of Merit were picked up by John Lapp, Val Weir, Todd Breedon, Chan, Karen, Colleen and Spaz. Congratulations guys.

This past week, Huntington favorite, Ken McNeil, was elected SGA president.

On a lighter note, the balloting for Huntington personality of the week resulted in a three way tie this week. The lucky winners were Dean May, Marc McKinnon, and John Metcalfe. Little is known

about Dean and Marc, so this week's focus will be on John.

John, or Big John as he is known to his friends, hails from Ancaster, Ontario. John's interests are wide ranging. They include football, modern dance, cycling, riding horses, and gymnastics. His plans for the future are up in the air now, but John thinks he might like to be a small businessman running a small business. Best of luck John.

On a more serious note, the school year is quickly winding down and plans are in the works for summer get togethers. Those interested should talk to Val or Chan. This will be an opportunity to socialize

with old friends, some who won't be back next year. It's definitely a problem this time of year. The end of school-work is a relief, but saying goodbye to close friends is very tough. It does however allow us to realize the value of Huntington, and what a well-run, good place it is to live.

On a less maudlin note is this week's hilite of the week. It seems Rob and Jeff finally harvested those odd-looking plants they've had in their room. Numerous attempts attempts were made to reach Nirvana over the weekend. Rob's cookies were a big, big help. Well bye for now.

Ramms Say Goodbyes...

For the last time this year, we bid all Stokers welcome to our humbling article - right DD. You may look up now. You are absolved.

Friday night UC had their last big slosh - too bad it was in our Forge. PL's car broke down again on a return voyage from Noelville. Our girls' hockey is finished. Third gold's DT is our person of the year. Her don is off to Germany on a scholarship. Congrats IO.

Now, we must apologize to our girls upstairs - it was all in fun for it is obvious by Sunday's awards that you have played an important role in residence - we just don't know what it is (can't break old habits... sorry).

Not much on Second gold except to say hi! to L "Mooner" E for obvious reasons. Nothing could be as exciting on first gold as DD bowing down - what was the reason again? Third blue had their floor supper with SL

winning a poetry award. Second blue also had their floor supper. Nice songs girls - who said you didn't learn anything at university?

It seems that the Five Bauers are heading for a hockey pool victory, but it is somewhat closer than anticipated. It's like a dream come true for MD - she gets to work in Quebec this summer. Say hello to Rene for us.

Second red's BB impressed us with all his french Sunday night but remember BB - more tongue. First red has been pretty quiet as of late so we'd like to thank PO for ensuring delivery of doughnuts (an oversight from awards night). Third brown was treated to a ravioli dinner thanks to CU. Really - we love ya.

Second brown was fined \$50 for their antics a couple of weeks ago. Is it true that DB is paying most? First brown's MM won a poetry award and RM is our latest victim of the

Dracula syndrome.

At Sunday's awards night CH & RR brought the house to tears with their farewell address. Saying goodbye to friends is never an easy task. For us remaining Stokers we must bid fond adieu to Narc who admits to graduating with a degree in "Residence Survival". Her ever present good humour will certainly be missed.

We wish a great life to all our graduates and those others not coming back. Residence's loss is society's gain. To all our brides and grooms to be, best of luck in your endeavours. You ALL better come back and visit at Beerfest.

To everyone else, have a great summer, don't forget to write, see you in September. For the last time this year, we're signing off (sniff, sniff)

Your ever loving
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While UC Has Problems With Underwear

by Beese & WOP

Welcome back Unicorns! (and anyone else who cares). Well, as exams rush ever nearer and blood pressures skyrocket, UC-ites merely laughed it off and spent the week in classic care-free style. Many of the boys started off with a splash early in the week, using Northern tours and "mexi" as the happy medium.

The better part of Friday saw the gang participating in various facets of the pre-caps tourney celebrations. Most of the population eventually ended up at "The Forge" for happy-nite and created a great party (we're sorry for breaking up the exciting 4-man euchre game).

Athletics are an integral part of the spirit here, and at Saturday's athletic banquet those people who have contributed the most through skill

and participation were recognised. Congratulations go to Chico, Janine, Andy, Judy, Hank, and all the others who were recognised. (thanks to the colonel also).

After stuffing themselves, the guys and lads all played off floor by floor for the caps tourney. The finals were held down in Wiley's as a part of the annual Jock Party. The athletes like for their own kind was demonstrated time and time again, and by the night's end, a large majority of them had been well and truly screwed. Those able to perform the act received a free pint which most took willingly but Ray thought he had a little too much head. Thanks to Chico for great tunes, and Blind Jose for more door prizes.

The morning after this mess, the usual lads held a post-formal party in honour of those sleepy fellas up at Thorneloe. While no admission was charged, many in attendance lost the shirts off their backs.

After sleeping through all of Monday (as it should be done), UC awoke bright and early Tuesday morning to the sight of a string of feminine upper body support-type garments waving in the breeze. Among the double-barrelled units identified were Louise D's, H Best's, and Vida's buckets. Unfortunately, some girls couldn't take a joke and had to take it all down before everybody had time to appreciate such a masterpiece of modern art.

A 24 toot salute to all for another fine week. Hope you all smoke your exams.

NEWS

Students' General Association — An Incorporated Body

The Corporation of the Students' General Association was established in 1979, to protect the officers of the corporation from financial liability. The Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws of the corporation outline the responsibilities; this includes the maintenance of a nine (9) member board of directors. The regulations detail the

make-up of the board, and the powers it has. The bylaws are also designed to act as a check, making sure that the officers of the corporation act responsibly.

The bylaws state "At the annual meeting... the financial statement and the report of the auditors shall be presented." (Bylaw 1; section 19) As well it is the duty of the

directors to "see that all necessary books and records of the Corporation required by the bylaws of the Corporation or by any applicable statute or law are regularly and properly kept." Additional bylaws detail this requirement extensively.

"The Laurentian University Students' General Council shall have no financial control

of corporation monies other than budget allocations of revenues properly accruing to the Association via current yearly fees within its power to control, and any revenues generated out of such yearly fees or services." (Bylaw 2; section ii,a)

The board of directors of the SGA corporation has yet to have a meeting this year. Further, contrary to the Articles of Incorporation, none of the current directors were elected to their positions according to the procedures outlined in the bylaws. There are also no records of the corporation undergoing an audit, which is contrary to provincial law as well as the Articles of Incorporation.

Members of this year's board are William Bradley

(SGA president), Dan Cluff (Head of Student Security), Barry Grace, Tony Ingram, Bill Lee, and Diana Zubac. The names of the three other directors were not available.

The existence of the board is questionable, as it has, according to at least one of the members, never held a meeting, and as such, the existence of the officers of the corporation is unknown.

Dan Cluff claims to be Chairman of the Board of the Corporation according to the attendance register at the March 29 meeting of the general council of the SGA.

Two of the members of the Board of Directors supposedly serve three year term, having their SGA fees paid for by the Corporation. The identity of these members of the Board remains a mystery.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE

Operation of Council Brings Up Many Questions

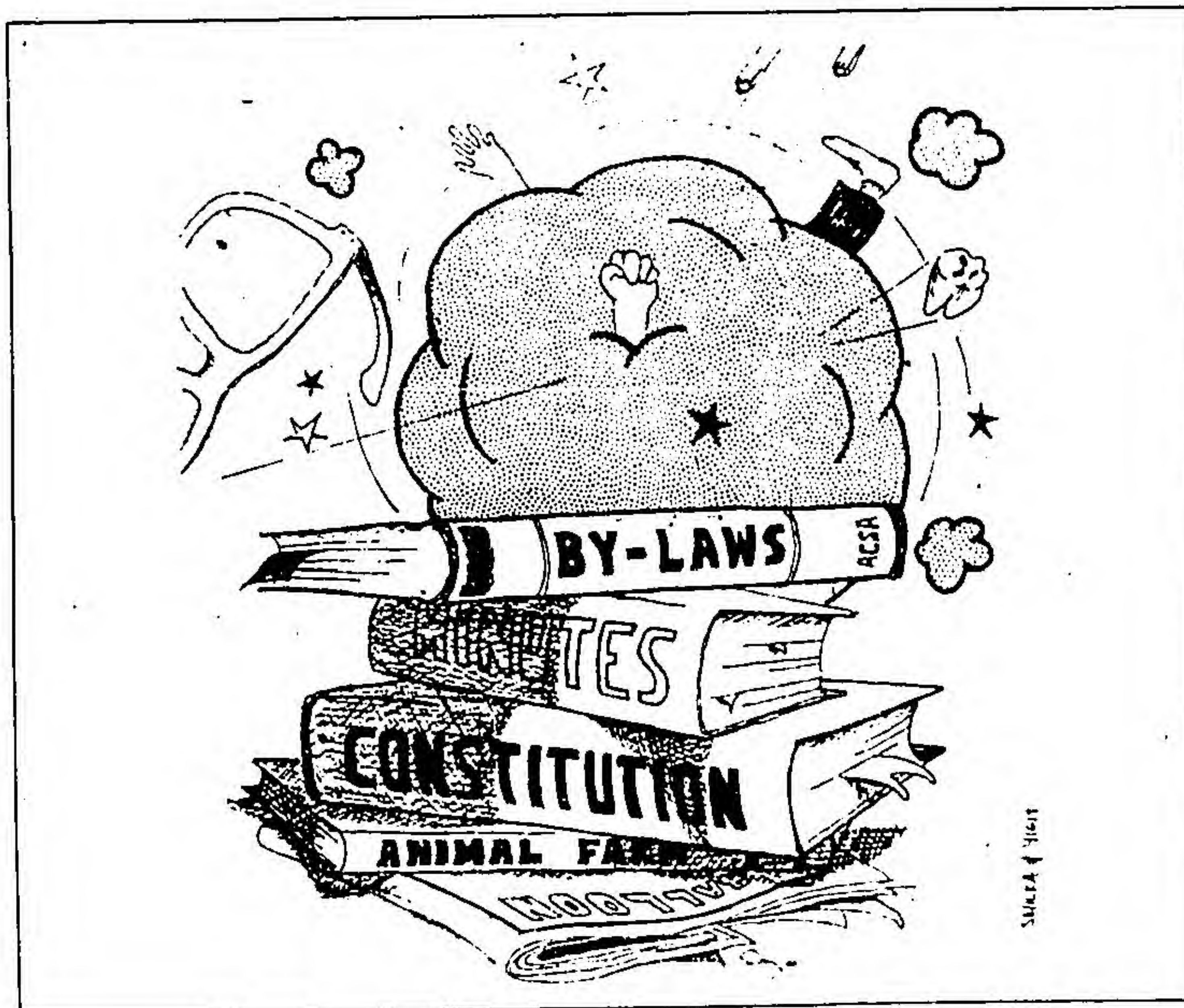
Operation of the council of the Students' General Association has been interesting this year. Attendance has not been their strength, to the degree that few of the councillors are actually eligible members.

Of course, deciding which constitution to use was a difficult problem. They basically operated with whichever constitution suited them. It was only at last week's meeting that it was pointed out that the 1976 SGA Constitution was the most valid, being the last one ratified by the students as required.

In this constitution the position of Vice President Social does not exist, which presents the problem of an executive officer with no constitutional basis. The council has not been renowned for asking questions.

Or indeed answering those posed by other council members.

The item of the Articles and Bylaws of Incorporation and the Board of Directors was raised by Joan Buchanan (then VP External). Bryan Evans, a student senator, also brought the issue to council, but got no response.



The council rarely questioned president Bill Bradley about his actions. According to the minutes of one meeting council was told that a \$500 settlement was paid to a mime artist whose performance had been cancelled. The sum later turned out to be \$1,440. The poor promotion of the event was never questioned.

The Student Directory was finally published in March 1983. A useful time for every student.

The Chief Returning Officer of the recent SGA elections was never approved by council, according to minutes.

Finding copies of the SGA meeting minutes has proved very difficult.

The election rules and procedures for the 1983 elections were adopted by council with little or no discussion, and without revision. At the March 29 SGA meeting several members questioned the practicality of the rules that the same council had adopted two weeks before.

Sudbury Transit Cuts Back — And Students Feel It Again

Recent reviews of Sudbury Transit budgets by the City of Sudbury have led to changes in the transit schedule at Laurentian University.

The major change will effect Sunday travel. The bus will run every hour and a half from the university to downtown via Paris Street starting at 11:05 am and ending at 6:05 pm. The Sunday bus will be leaving downtown at 10:40, 12:10, 1:40, 4:10 and 5:40, and will travel to the university via Four Corners.

The Saturday bus route has also been cut back. It now leaves once an hour on the hour from downtown, a fifty per cent reduction in service. The last bus on Saturdays will leave the university at 11:30pm.

The remainder of the university service has remained as yet unchanged with buses leaving downtown every half

hour until 6:30pm when it changes to every hour.

Changes in the service will cause problems for students who must take late buses if they work on computers or at

the Library on weekends, for students who have to get to the Grey Coach station for late buses home, or for students wanting to go out on weekends.

Solutions that have been suggested to combat these cutbacks include boycotting Sudbury Transit, setting up alternate car pool systems, and hiring the university bus

to make runs between downtown and the isolated campus.

Complaints or questions should be directed to either Sudbury Transit or the Students' General Association.

Incomplete Records — Unknown Membership

In keeping with the constitution of the Students' General Association of Laurentian University, this year's council has rendered itself impotent.

According to the twelve sets of minutes which record the proceedings of the SGA for the past year, all but 6 of the 26 members are ineligible to serve on council as per article

VI; section 4 of the constitution. This section states that "any council member who misses more than five meetings, whether or not he has given reason for his absence, shall be removed from Council." Twelve of the members who even attended have missed in excess of seven meetings.

The record represents only one half of the meetings held. The other twelve sets of minutes are unavailable. They are either misplaced, lost, or simply do not exist.

At the last SGA meeting which saw the executive power change hands, ten non-voting members voted on the motions to accept the CRO's

report on the recent presidential election of the SGA.

Bill Bradley, SGA president, was given a mandate in January to provide a complete and updated list of council members eligible to vote. There was no final list at last week's council meeting. Bradley was unavailable for comment.

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European Handball

It was a pleasure being the convenor for European Handball's first time ever at Laurentian University. I would like to thank the referees who did a super job. Thanks to Labatts also for sponsoring the event.

The final was won by the SSR Panthers who beat out Thorneloe in an exciting and well played game. Hopefully, the sport will return next year, and the tournament can be expanded. Thanks to all who participated. You were a good bunch to deal with and have a lot of talent and potential. See you next year.

Wegie

Real Reels Presents

DREAD BEAT AND BLOOD ENGLAND 1978 45 min.

"Dread Beat and Blood" deals with the life of black reggae poet Linton Kwesi Johnson. The film examines the plight of young urban blacks in Britain and includes footage of the 1978 Brixton street riots. Johnson who has released three albums, provides the focus of the film, and his music provides the beat.

BLACKS BRITTANICA ENGLAND 1978 57 min

"Blacks Britannica is a film about racism, and a

film against racism." Officially condemned by the British government as "dangerous", **Blacks Britannica** was banned from national television in the US. The film analyzes the militancy of the black community in the face of the attacks perpetrated upon it.

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